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MEMORANDUM

NOVEMBER 4, 1976

TO:

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM:

Robert T. Kenney, Director

SUBJECT:

BOARD OF APPEAL REFERRALS

Hearing: 11/16/76

Petition No. Z-3691 Castle Square Associates Bertram A. Druker 400-438 Tremont Street, Boston near Herald Street

Seven-story structure - apartment (H-3) and general business (B-4) districts - South End Urban Renewal Area.

Purpose: to change occupancy from 48 apartments, stores, and day care center for 18 children to 48 apartments, stores, office, and

day care center for 100 children.

Violation:

Section 8-7. A day care center for 100 children is conditional in an H-3 district.

Tenant, Program Development Associates, Inc., is under contract with the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare to provide this community service. Facility operates under the name of Castle Square Development Center. Recommend approval with proviso.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3691, brought by Castle Square Associates, 400-438 Tremont Street, in the South End Urban Renewal Area, for a conditional use for a change of occupancy from 48 apartments, stores, and day care center for 18 children to 48 apartments, stores, office, and day care center for 100 children in apartment (H-3) and general business (B-4) districts, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided plans are submitted to the Authority for design review.



Hearing: 11/16/76

Petitions Nos. Z-3693-3694

Peter Stegmayer Stephen Lizio

100 West Springfield Street and

518 Shawmut Avenue, Boston

Two three-story structures - apartment (H-2) district - South End Urban Renewal Area.

Purpose: to change occupancy from two to three apartments and subdivide;

to change occupancy from three to four apartments and subdivide.

Violations:

Required Proposed

Section 8-7. Any dwelling converted for more families which meets one half the requirement for open space is conditional in an apart-

ment (H-2) district.

Section 17-1. Open space is insufficient.

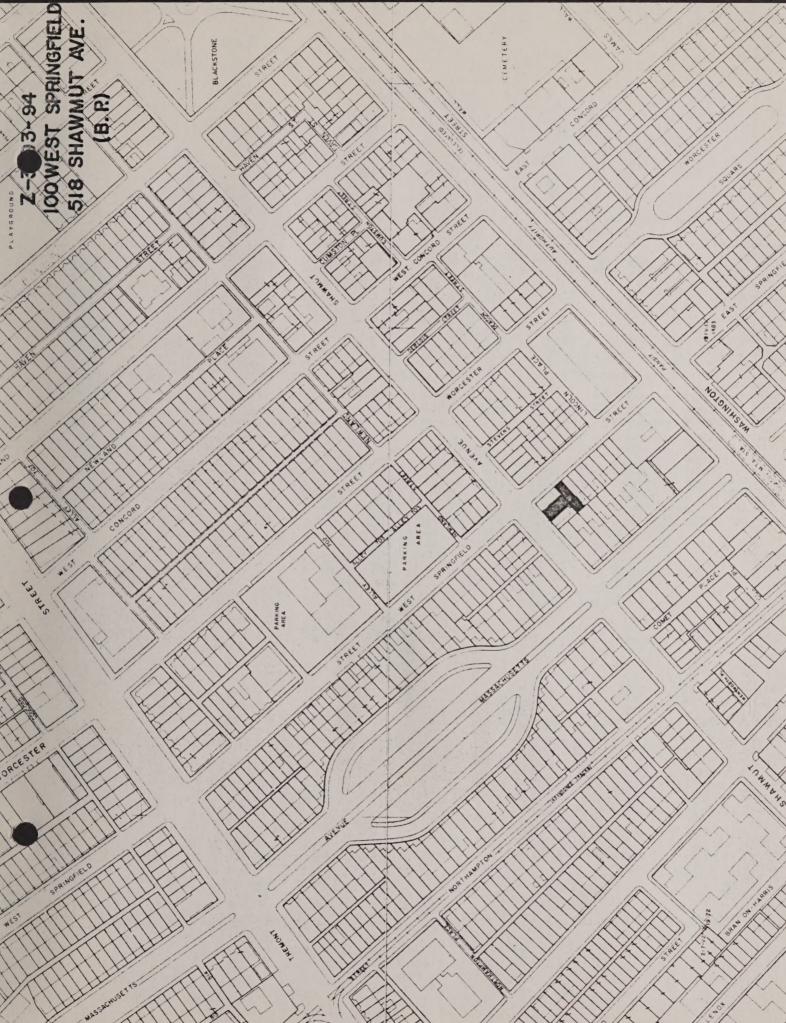
150 sf

100 sf 98 sf

Occupancy is consistent with the residential nature of the neighborhood. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petitions Nos. Z-3693-3694, brought by Peter Stegmayer and Stephen Lizio, 100 West Springfield Street and 518 Shawmut Avenue, in the South End Urban Renewal Area, for two conditional uses and two variances for change of occupancy from two to three apartments and subdivide, and from three to four apartments and subdivide, in an apartment (H-2) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Occupancy is consistent with the residential nature of the neigh-

borhood.



Hearing: 11/16/76

Petition No. Z-3695
Eugene J. Arcand
223-229 Brighton Avenue, Allston
at Craftsman Street

One-story masonry structure - general business (B-1) district.

Purpose: to erect one-story addition to automotive garage and sales structure.

Violation:

Section 8-6. A change in a conditional use requires Board of Appeal hearing.

Section 8-7. A repair shop garage is conditional in a B-1 district.

Legal occupancy of the facility consists of office, garage, spring shop, wholesale-retail sales of automotive springs. Proposed storage extension would not have a significant impact on this commercial area. Recommend approval with proviso.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3695, brought by Eugene J. Arcand, 223-229 Brighton Avenue, Allston, for two conditional uses to erect a one-story addition to an automotive garage and sales structure in a general business (B-1) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided plans are submitted to the Authority for design review.



Hearing: 11/23/76

Petitions Nos. Z-3698-3699 James P. Flynn 976-976(r) River Street, Hyde Park near Lexington Avenue

One-story frame structure - residential (R-.5) district.

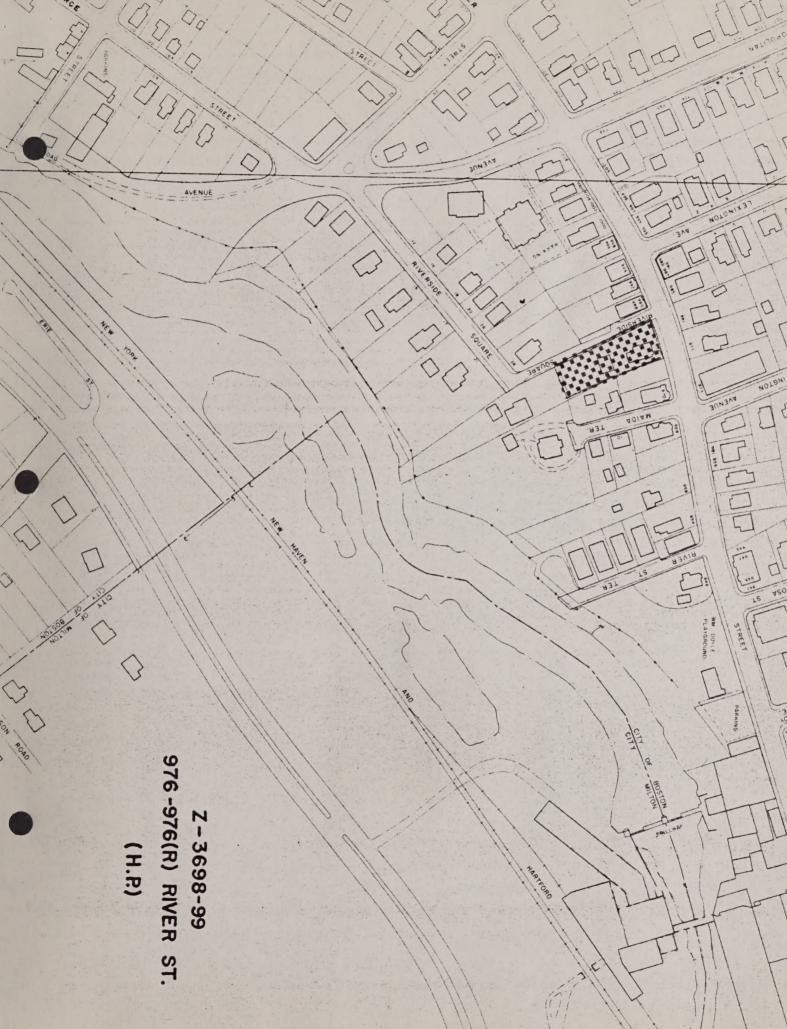
Purpose: to change occupancy from garage to one-family dwelling.

Violations:

		Required	Proposed
Section 18-1.	Front yard is insufficient.	20 ft.	0
Section 20-1.	Rear yard is insufficient.	40 ft.	30 ft.
Section 22-4.	Required yards separating building and nearest main building are insufficient.	80 ft.	30 ft.

Use, though compatible with the area, is inappropriate for the site. Small structure (30' x 25') situated behind a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -story, two-family dwelling, cannot adequately support a residential unit. Recommend denial.

VOTED: In reference to Petitions Nos. Z-3698-3699, brought by James P. Flynn, 976-976(r) River Street, Hyde Park, for four variances for a change of occupancy from garage to one-family dwelling in a residential (R-.5) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial. Use, though compatible with the area, is inappropriate for the site. Small structure (30' x 25') cannot adequately support a residential unit.



Hearing: 11/23/76

Petition No. Z-3700
First Pentecostal Church
3251-3257 Washington Street,
Jamaica Plain
at Cornwall Street

One-story masonry structure - local business (L-.5) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from retail TV record shop to church.

Violation:

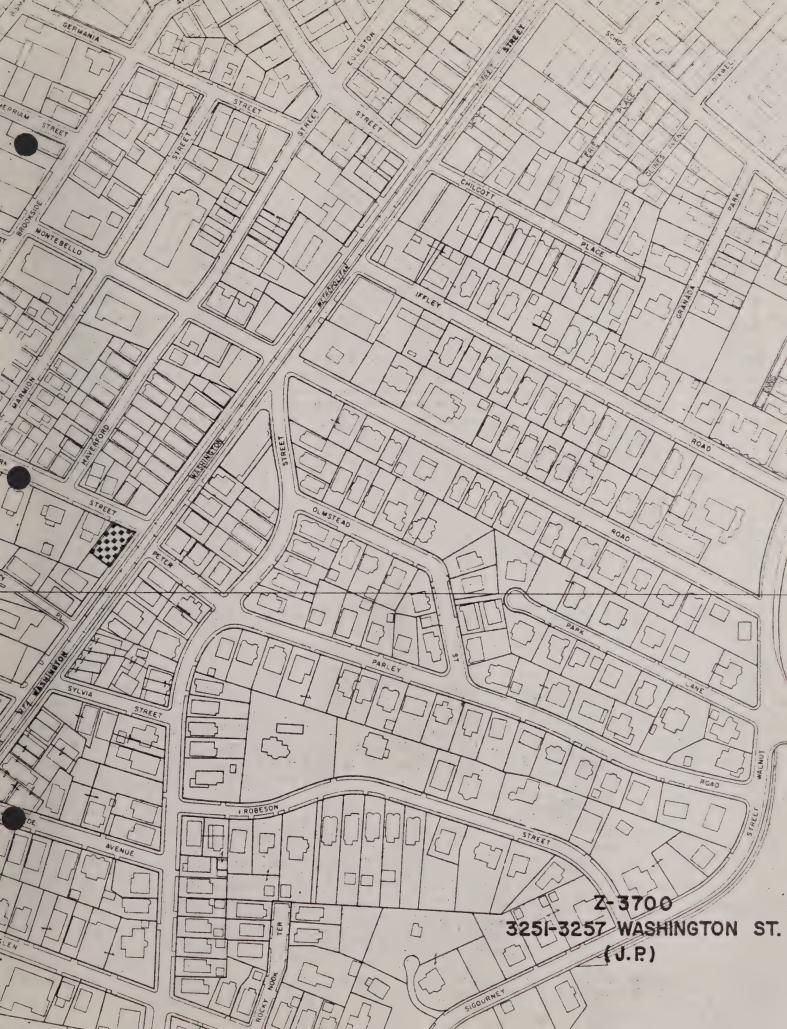
Required Proposed

Section 23-2. Off-street parking is insufficient.

22 spaces 8 spaces

Facility, with a seating capacity of 112, would operate four or five evenings a week. Parking plan is inadequate; cars would have to back onto Washington Street. Individual spaces as proposed ($9\frac{1}{2}$ ' x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ') do not comply with code requirement ($8\frac{1}{2}$ ' x 20'). Maneuvering area is inappropriate. Neighborhood has expressed opposition.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3700, brought by First Pentecostal Church, 3251-3257 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, for a variance for a change of occupancy from retail TV record shop to a church in a local business (L-.5) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial. Facility, with a seating capacity of 112, would operate four or five evenings a week. Parking plan is inadequate; cars would have to back onto Washington Street. Individual spaces as proposed (9½' x 12½') do not comply with code requirement (8½' x 20'). Maneuvering area is inappropriate. Neighborhood has expressed opposition.



Hearing: 11/23/76

Petition No. Z-3701 Mario and Emanuela Leone 58(r) South Crescent Circuit, Brighton at Regal Street

One-story masonry structure - residential (R-.5) district.

Purpose: to erect one-story addition to accessory garage.

Violation:

Section 20-2. Accessory garage may be no nearer than four feet to any side lot line.

Garage extension, already constructed, requires back-to-back parking for tenants. Proposal is inappropriate and could create a hazardous condition Recommend denial.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3701, brought by Mario and Emanuela Leone, 58(r) South Crescent Circuit, Brighton, for a variance to erect a one-story addition to an accessory garage in a residential (R-.5) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial. Garage extension requires back-to-back parking for tenants. Proposal is inappropriate and could create a hazardous condition.



Hearing: 11/23/76

Petition No. Z-3702 Mario Leone 27 Holton Street, Allston at Athol Street

2½-story frame structure - residential (R-.8) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from two- to three-family dwelling.

Violations:

		Required	Proposed
Section 8-7.	Any dwelling converted for more families which meets one half the requirements for lot area is conditional in an R8 district.		
Section 14-2.	Lot area is insufficient.	8,000 sf	6,893 sf

Neighborhood is predominantly single family, owner occupied. Conversion is undesirable and is strongly opposed by neighbors. Recommend denial.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3702, brought by Mario Leone, 27 Holton Street, Allston, for a conditional use and a variance for a change of occupancy from a two- to a three-family dwelling in a residential (R-.8) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial.

Neighborhood is predominantly single family, owner occupied. Conversion is undesirable and is strongly opposed by neighbors.



Hearing: 11/16/76

Petition No. Z-3709
Adams Realty, Inc.
Allen M. Gopen, Treasurer
197-201 South Street, Boston
near Kneeland Street

Six-story structure - manufacturing (M-8) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from mercantile-leather storage to health

and exercise club, commercial printing, shoe distributors,

mercantile.

Violations:

Section 8-7. A health and exercise club is conditional in an M-8

district.

It is proposed to renovate the fourth floor of the loft building to accommodate a health and exercise center inclusive of TV lounge, changing area, exercise areas, billiards and game room. There will be no exterior changes. Recommend approval with provisos.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3709, brought by Adams Realty, Inc., 197-201 South Street, Boston, for a conditional use for a change of occupancy from mercantile-leather storage to health and exercise club, commercial printing, shoe distributors, and mercantile in a manufacturing (M-8) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval with the following provisos: that the conditional use permit be limited to four years and extend only to the petitioner; that sign plans be submitted to the Authority for design review.



Hearing: 11/16/76

Petition No. Z-3718
John J. Mullen
11 Norton Street, Hyde Park
near Readville Street

1½-story frame structure - single-family (S-.5) district.

Purpose: to erect screened-in porch.

Violation:

Section 20-1. Side yard is insufficient. Required Proposed 10 ft. 8 ft.

Porch would replace a platform entrance to one-family dwelling. Violation is minimal. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3718, brought by John J. Mullen, 11 Norton Street, Hyde Park, for a variance to erect a screened-in porch in a single-family (S-.5) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Minimal violation would have no apparent effect on neighborhood.



Hearing: 11/23/76

Petition No. Z-3720
James P. Brickley
103 Revere Street, Boston
near Charles Street

3½-story structure - local business (L-2-65) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from one-family dwelling to two-family

dwelling.

Violations:

Required Proposed

Section 8-7. Any dwelling converted for more families which meets one half the requirement for open space is conditional in a local business

(L-2-65) district.

Section 17-1. Open space is insufficient.

150 sf

78 sf

Additional unit will be consistent with the residential nature of the neighborhood. Community has no objection. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3720, brought by James P. Brickley, 103 Revere Street, Boston, for a conditional use and a variance for a change of occupancy from one-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling in a local business (L-2-65) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Additional unit will be consistent with the residential nature of the neighborhood. Community has no objection.



